**Proposal to built up new airport in Indore**

2172. SHRI MUKESH R. PATEL:

SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact the aerodrome at Indore is on Ledger and not owned by Airport Authority;

(b) if so, who is the Ledger and how much is being paid to the Ledger per month, and

(c) whether Government have any proposal to build up the new airport in or outside the city of Indore?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

**Air-services from Ranchi to Calcutta, Mumbai and Patna**

2173. SHRI GYAN RANJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that air-services had been started from Ranchi to Calcutta, Mumbai and Patna;

(b) if so, whether those air-services have since been discontinued, if so, why those services have been discontinued; and

(c) whether these services are likely to be restarted; if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Air services on Ranchi-Calcutta and Mumbai-Patna routes were discontinued w.e.f. 15th June, 1997 due to inadequate pessenger demand.

(c) Due to inadequate passenger demand, Indian Airlines has at present no plans to restart these services.

**Illegal business in Indian Airlines Tickets**

2174. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report appearing in Pioneer dated 2nd July, 1997 regarding illegal brisk business in Indian Airlines Tickets by agents in connivance with touts and Indian Airlines staff; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Indian Airlines has taken preventive measures like assigning dedicated officers for pre-flight checks, post flight checks by Airport Manager, Delhi, review of cancellation procedure and deputation of an officer at Delhi Airport to supervise check-in of flights on Delhi-Leh route.

**Naming of Calicut Airport after Shri V. K. Krishna Menon**

2175. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Calicut Airport was declared to be named after Shri V. K. Krishna Menon on the occasion of his birth Centenary celebrations by the then Prime Minister and the Minister of Human Resource Development;

(b) what is the present position in this regard; and

(c) What is the reasons for the delay in fulfilling the assurance given by the Government?